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OSHA Recognizes Rocky Mountain Arsenal for Safety Excellence *Three Organizations Recertified as Among Top Safety Performers in Nation*

COMMERCE CITY, Colo.— The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration awarded its highest workplace safety designation this month to three organizations at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Called the Voluntary Protection Program Star certification, the designation was given to the U.S. Army and contractors Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. (Navarro) and AECOM in recognition of their exemplary safety performance and leadership.

“Overall, the employee safety and health performance at this worksite has been consistently outstanding,” noted Brad Baptiste, OSHA’s Regional Manager for its Voluntary Protection Program. “This site is a tremendous success story and serves as an example for others.”

OSHA first recognized the Rocky Mountain Arsenal for outstanding safety achievements in 1999, when the U.S. Army’s prime contractor, Tetra Tech, Inc. achieved Star status. Since then, the U.S. Army, Navarro and AECOM have earned Star status. In recertifying the three organizations, OSHA noted that site-wide collaboration among the organizations contributed to a “safety and leadership culture at this facility.”

To achieve Star status, organizations must demonstrate that their safety performance far exceeds the industry average. (The three organizations at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal recorded zero days-away cases in 2017.) OSHA also evaluates how engaged leaders are in the safety program, how actively employees are involved, how effectively the organization analyzes worksites and identifies, tracks and prevents hazards, and how comprehensively the organization trains employees around health and safety issues. In addition, OSHA seeks evidence of continuous improvement in safety performance.

“The safety of our employees and the community has always been our top priority,” said Charlie Scharmann, U.S. Army Program Manager at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. “Every employee shares a commitment to continuous improvement and safety excellence, and I congratulate our whole team on this achievement.”

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In addition to receiving Star status recertification, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal has partnered with OSHA to promote workplace safety and share best practices with other organizations. OSHA has recognized four Rocky Mountain Arsenal employees with regional or national awards for their contributions to workplace safety.

Known today as an urban national wildlife refuge, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal is one of the most studied environmental cleanup sites in the nation. Following decades of military and private industry manufacturing, the site underwent a comprehensive environmental cleanup of the soils, structures and groundwater. After successfully completing cleanup actions, the U.S. Army transferred over 15,000 acres to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to manage as a premier urban national wildlife refuge. The U.S. Army will permanently retain and manage approximately 1,000 acres that include two hazardous waste landfills, two waste consolidation areas and groundwater treatment plants.

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